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ABSTRACT OF SEASON REPORTS FOR THE WEEK ENDING 2ND FEBRUARY 1924.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

Week ending 2nd February 1924.—Dry weather in week. Rainfall to-date below average outside Circars (except Guntur), Tinnevelly, and the West Coast. Transplanting second crop paddy outside the West Coast; sowing ragi on wet lands in the Carnatic and the Central districts and late gingelly in the Circars, Cuddapah, South Arcot, and Tinnevelly. *Sowings to-date of dry crops restricted in parts of the Central districts and the South*; *sowings to-date of wet crops less than average and last year in the Deccan and the Central districts.* Standing crops fair, *but dry crops in parts of Bellary, Anantapur, and the Central districts and wet paddy in parts of the Carnatic, North Arcot, and Salem adversely affected for want of rains.* Harvested paddy; outturn fair except on the West Coast where it was poor; cholam and ragi, poor to fair; cumbu in the Central districts, generally poor; horsegram and sugarcane, generally fair; groundnut, fair except in Anantapur and Cuddapah where it was poor; cotton in the Deccan poor except in Kurnool. Irrigation water generally sufficient *except in tanks in the Deccan and the Central districts and parts of the Carnatic.* Pasture generally sufficient *except in the Deccan and parts of the Central districts, and South Kanara.* Fodder generally available *except in parts of Bellary, Anantapur, Salem, and Coimbatore.* Prices steady. *Prospects not encouraging in parts of Bellary, Anantapur, and the Central districts. Test work in Bellary converted into Famine Relief work. Attendance on last day of the week* 921. *Number on gratuitous relief* 196. *One test work in progress in Anantapur. Average daily attendance* 562.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE,
MADRAS, *5th February 1924.*

R. D. ANSTEAD,
Director of Agriculture.

SPECIAL FAMINE TELEGRAM FOR BELLARY SUBMITTED BY THE BOARD OF REVENUE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, REVENUE AND AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT, DELHI.

RELIEF WORK OPENED (ON) 2ND INSTANT.

Distress slight; coolie classes mostly affected; People freely resorting (to) work; no influx (of) foreigners. People (on) relief generally (in) good condition. Public health good except (for) (a) little sporadic smallpox, plague (and) cholera. February kist postponed (in) 102 villages. Loans being) freely advanced. Number relieved (on 2nd February) works 921, gratuitous 196. Total 1,117.

BOARD OF REVENUE LAND REVENUE & SETTLEMENT,
Madras 5th February 1924.

S. WADSWORTH,
Secretary.

DISTRICT REPORTS.

GANJAM.

Water-supply sufficient *except under tanks breached by cyclone.* Russellkonda not reported; Surada 27·7 feet. Sowing gingelly. *Sowings to-date more than last year by 20 per cent.* Standing crops fair. Harvested paddy; outturn fair *except in parts of Ichapur taluk, where the crop was damaged by submersion and sandcasts and parts of Chicacole, where it was damaged by cyclone; in Ramagiri and in the Chokkapad Khandam of Udayagiri, it was poor*; sugarcane, fair. Prospects generally fair.

VIZAGAPATAM.

Water-supply sufficient. Sowing late gingelly. *Sowings to-date of dry crops less than average and last year; sowings to-date of wet crops above average and last year.* Standing crops generally thriving in areas not affected by cyclone. Harvest of paddy concluded; harvested sugarcane and cholam; outturn poor to fair; ragi and horsegram, poor. Prospects *bad in the taluks of Sarvasiddhi, Vizagapatam, and Bimlipatam, but improving slightly*; rest fair.

GODAVARI.

Water-supply sufficient. Godavari 1 foot above anicut. Transplanting second crop paddy and tobacco; sowing late gingelly. *Sowings to-date of dry crops satisfactory; sowings to-date of wet crops more than average and last year by about 15 per cent.* Standing crops generally fair. Harvest of first crop paddy almost completed; outturn fair; sugarcane and ragi, fair; cholam, poor to fair. Prospects generally fair.

KISTNA.

Water-supply sufficient. Kistna 2 feet below anicut. Transplanting second crop paddy and tobacco; sowing castors, maize, and indigo. *Sowings to-date more than average by 10 per cent and slightly above last year.* Standing crops fair. Harvested first crop paddy; outturn normal; cholam, horsegram, and chillies, fair. Prospects fair.

GUNTUR.

Water-supply generally sufficient *except under tanks in parts of Ongole taluk. Sowings to-date of dry crops less than average and last year by 3 per cent; sowings to-date of wet crops more than average by 15 per cent and slightly more than last year.* Standing crops fair. Harvested variga; outturn fair. Prospects fair.

KURNOOL.

Water-supply sufficient under canals and canal-fed tanks and *insufficient in rainfed tanks.* Tungabhadra 3·12 feet below crest. Average discharge through the head sluice at Sunkesula 731 cubic feet per second. Transplanting second crop paddy in parts of Cumbum taluk and under the Markapur tank. *Sowings to-date of dry crops more than average and last year by 4 per cent; sowings to-date of wet crops slightly below normal but less than last year by 12 per cent.* Standing crops generally fair; *late sown crops in parts affected for want of rains.* Harvested paddy, cholam, and early cotton in parts; outturn normal. Prospects generally fair.

BELLARY.

Water-supply *insufficient in tanks in all taluks and in wells* except in Bellary and Adoni taluks. Sowing second crop paddy in parts of Bellary and Rayadrug taluks. *Sowings to-date of dry crops slightly above average; sowings to-date of wet crops normal but less than last year by 6 per cent.* Standing crops generally fair; *but early sown cotton and garden crops poor in Hospet; late sown dry crops withering in Bellary taluk; white cholam fading in Harpanahalli, Adoni, and Alur taluks; cotton stunted in growth in Alur; cotton sown mixed with korra not promising.* Harvested sugarcane; outturn fair; early sown cotton bad in Bellary and poor in other taluks. Employment is available *except in parts of Rayadrug, Bellary, and Alur taluks.* Prospects fair *except in Bellary and Rayadrug taluks and in parts of Hospet and Alur taluks. Collection of all kists suspended in 59 villages of Rayadrug taluk and 23 villages of Hospet taluk; suspension of February kist ordered in 102 villages of Bellary taluk and in 39 villages of Alur taluk. The test work at Koluru in Bellary taluk was converted into relief work on 2nd February 1924; coolie classes mostly affected. Number relieved on the last day of the week was 921 and number in receipt of gratuitous relief on the last day of the week* 196.

ANANTAPUR.

Water-supply *insufficient* except in channels and wells. *Sowings to-date of dry crops less than average and last year by 5 per cent; sowings to-date of wet crops restricted by 20 per cent.* Standing crops fair, *but unirrigated dry crops have generally withered in black soils and are being removed as fodder for cattle.* Harvested horsegram, groundnut, castor, and cotton; outturn poor. *Cattle deteriorating for want of pasture and fodder. Employment limited; labourers in parts of the taluks of Tadpatri, Gooty, Hindupur, and Madakasira are moving about in search of employment. Prospects discouraging. Slight fall in the price of cholam in parts due to imports from outside. One test work in Gooty taluk in progress. Average daily attendance* 562.

CUDDAPAH.

Water-supply generally sufficient *except in tanks*; rivers and channels are flowing slightly; the main channels are flowing fairly well; some tanks in the taluks of Badvel, Cuddapah, Siddhout, Rajampet, and Rayachoti contain supplies ranging from 15 days to two months; all other tanks are dry. Sowing korra and gingelly. *Sowings to-date of dry crops less than average by 5 per cent; sowings*

to-date of wet crops less than average by 8 per cent. Standing wet crops under tanks containing water and canals fair to good; *under other tanks crops have failed to some extent and remissions will be necessary;* unirrigated crops, especially cholam, fair. Harvested paddy and horsegram; outturn fair; groundnut, poor to fair; cotton, poor. *Prospects not very favourable. Fall in the price of cholam and ragi in parts.*

NELLORE.

Water-supply *insufficient under the Nellore anicut and in tanks*; sufficient elsewhere. Sowing paddy; transplanting ragi. *Sowings to-date of dry crops more than normal and last year; sowings to-date of wet crops more than average but less than last year by 10 per cent.* Standing crops fair, *but all crops bad in Darsi division and paddy withering in parts of Gudur and Rapur taluks.* Harvested paddy, cholam, and ragi; outturn fair *except in Kanigiri where the yield of paddy and cholam was poor.* Prospects fair. *Rains needed for the late sown crops.*

CHINGLEPUT.

Water-supply sufficient *except in tanks in parts of the taluks of Tiruvallur, Ponneri, Saidapet, and Conjeevaram*; about 5 feet of water in the Chambarambakkam tank. Transplanting and sowing paddy and ragi. *Sowings to-date of dry crops normal but less than last year; sowings to-date of wet crops greater than average and last year by about 5 per cent.* Standing crops fair, *but wet crops in parts of Conjeevaram and Madurantakam taluks adversely affected.* Harvested paddy; outturn poor. Prospects generally fair; *second crop paddy not fair in parts.*

SOUTH ARCOT.

Water-supply sufficient in wells in all the taluks and in tanks and canals in Chidambaram and Cuddalore taluks; *insufficient elsewhere.* Sowing ragi, gingelly, and indigo. *Sowings to-date of dry crops slightly below average and last year; sowings to-date of wet crops greater than average and last year by 25 per cent.* Standing crops fair, *but paddy in Tirukkoyilur, Gingee, and Kallakurchi taluks and dry crops in Villupuram taluk affected for want of rains.* Harvested paddy and groundnut; outturn fair. *Rise in the price of ragi in parts.*

CHITTOOR.

Water-supply *generally insufficient* except in wells; spring and river channels half flowing in Chittoor taluk; some tanks contain supplies from one to four weeks. *Sowings to-date of dry crops more than average by 15 per cent; sowings to-date of wet crops restricted by 10 per cent.* Standing crops fair, *but dry crops in parts of Palmaner, Chittoor, and Madanapalle taluks fading for want of rains.* Harvested ragi, horsegram, and sugarcane; outturn fair to normal. *Prospects not encouraging in parts owing to want of sufficient rainfall for standing crops and for wet cultivation.*

NORTH ARCOT.

Water-supply *generally insufficient in spring channels in parts of Vellore, Gudiyattam, Tiruppattur, and Arkonam taluks and Arni division, in tanks in all taluks* except in parts of Wandiwash, Cheyyar, and Arkonam taluks, *and in wells in parts of Tiruppattur taluk and Kuppam division*; sufficient elsewhere. Transplanting ragi and second crop paddy under wells. *Sowings to-date less than average and last year by 10 per cent.* Standing crops fair, *but paddy withered in parts where not protected by wells.* Harvested groundnut; outturn fair. *Employment scarce in rural parts of Vellore taluk and Kuppam division.* Fodder dear. *Prospects not encouraging. Slight rise in the price of rice in parts.*

SALEM.

Water-supply *insufficient.* Transplanting and sowing ragi mainly under wells; sowing cholam. *Sowings to-date restricted by more than 12 per cent for dry crops and about 25 to 35 per cent for wet crops.* Standing crops generally fair; *but paddy under wells in parts of Tiruchengode taluk and cumbu, castor, and horsegram in rainfed lands in Tiruchengodu and Omalur taluks affected for want of rains.* Harvested paddy and ragi; outturn poor to fair; cumbu, poor. *Cattle are reported to be suffering for want of pasture and fodder in the taluks of Hosur and Omalur.* Slight emigration is reported from parts of Namakkal, and Atur taluks to Ceylon. *Prospects not encouraging.* Fodder generally dear. *Slight fall in the price of rice, cholam, and cumbu in parts.*

COIMBATORE.

Water-supply generally sufficient in channels and *insufficient elsewhere.* Three feet of water in the Cauvery at Erode. Transplanting paddy, cholam, ragi, and tobacco in garden lands. *Sowings to-date of dry crops restricted by about 12 per cent; sowings to-date of wet crops slightly less than normal and last year.* Garden and wet crops fair, *but dry crops adversely affected for want of rains.* Harvested paddy and sugarcane; outturn fair; cholam, cumbu, and horsegram on dry lands, bad in Avanashi and Erode taluks and poor to fair in other taluks; turmeric under wells, bumper in Erode taluk. *Cattle appreciably affected in parts for want of pasture and fodder. Employment not freely available in parts. Season bad owing to general shortage of rains which will make the outturn of dry crops very poor.*

SOUTH KANARA.

Water-supply *insufficient in parts of all taluks. Sowings to-date of dry crops more than average by 15 per cent; sowings to-date of wet crops less than average and last year by 5 per cent.* Standing crops *adversely affected in parts for want of sufficient water.* Harvested second crop paddy; outturn generally poor. Prospects moderate.

THE NILGIRIS.

Water-supply sufficient. *Sowings to-date slightly above normal.* Standing crops fair. Prospects fair.

COCHIN.

Water-supply *insufficient.*

TRICHINOPOLY.

Water-supply sufficient *except in a few parts of the taluks of Kulittalai, Musiri, and Perambalur.* Transplanting paddy and ragi; sowing cholam. *Sowings to-date of dry crops less than average and last year by* 10 *per cent; sowings to-date of wet crops less than average by about* 10 *per cent.* Standing crops fair, *but dry crops somewhat affected by want of rains in parts of Karur, Kulittalai, and Musiri taluks.* Harvested paddy, cholam, cumbu, ragi, and groundnut; outturn fair. Prospects fair.

TANJORE.

Water-supply sufficient. Discharge over the Grand Anicut 2·5 feet. Discharge over the crest of the Lower Anicut in the Coleroon Northern and Southern branches 1·7 feet in each. *Sowings to-date of dry crops less than average and last year by* 12 *per cent; sowings to-date of wet crops satisfactory.* Standing crops fair. Harvest of samba paddy proceeding throughout the district; outturn fair. Prospects fair.

MADURA.

Water-supply sufficient in the Periyar area and *insufficient elsewhere.* Average discharge through Periyar Main Canal 910 cubic feet per second. Tranplanting second crop paddy. *Sowings to-date of dry crops restricted by more than* 10 *per cent; sowings to-date of wet crops less than average and last year by* 7 *per cent.* Standing crops good in the Periyar area and fair elsewhere *except in Tirumangalam taluk where paddy is reported to be withering.* Harvested paddy in lower portions of Periyar delta and cholam; outturn fair. Prospects good in wet areas; *indifferent to poor elsewhere.*

RAMNAD.

Water-supply sufficient *except in parts of six taluks.* Transplanting and sowing paddy. *Sowings to-date of dry crops less than average by* 10 *per cent; sowings to-date of wet crops satisfactory.* Standing crops good *except paddy in parts of two taluks.* Harvested paddy and ragi; outturn fair. Prospects fair.

TINNEVELLY.

Water-supply generally sufficient *except under some tanks in the taluks of Tiruchendur and Koilpatti.* No flow over Srivaikuntam anicut. Transplanting and sowing paddy; sowing gingelly on dry lands. *Sowings to-date of dry crops less than normal by* 10 *per cent; sowings to-date of wet crops slightly above normal but less than last year.* Standing crops fair. Prospects fair. Fodder dear in Tinnevelly, Tiruchendur, Koilpatti, and Sankaranayinarkoyil taluks.

MALABAR.

Water-supply *insufficient. Sowings to-date of dry crops restricted by more than* 10 *per cent; sowings to-date of wet crops slightly above normal and last year.* Harvest of second crop paddy completed in seven taluks and in progress in the others; outturn below average for want of rains. *Prospects not promising, especially in Palghat and in parts of Walluvanad taluk owing to failure of Makaram (second) crop.*

NOTE.—1. *Pasture* is insufficient in parts of the taluks of Bhimavaram and Kovvur of Kistna, parts of Kurnool, the districts of Bellary and Anantapur, the taluks of Proddatur, Pulivendla, Jammalamadugu, Kamalapuram, and Cuddapah of Cuddapah, the taluks of Palmaner, Vayalpad and Madanapalle and the division of Tiruttani of Chittoor, parts of the taluks of Polur, Arkonam, Vellore, and the Kuppam division of North Arcot, the district of Salem except two taluks, the district of Coimbatore, the taluks of Kottayam and Kurumbranad of Malabar, and the taluks of Kasaragod, Mangalore, Udipi, and Coondapur and parts of Uppinangadi of South Kanara.

2. *Fodder* is insufficient in parts of the taluks of Bellary, Hospet, and Rayadrug of Bellary, the taluks of Dharmavaram, Tadpatri, and Madakasira of Anantapur, the taluk of Kapur of Nellore, the taluks of Chittoor and Palmaner of Chittoor, parts of the taluks of Polur, Arkonam, Vellore, and the division of Kuppam of North Arcot, the district of Salem except in the northern taluks, Coimbatore district, and the taluks of Musiri and Perambalur of Trichinopoly. The concession of free removal of grass by headloads from forest reserves is availed of in Kurnool The concession of free grazing in open reserves has been granted in Anantapur up to March 1924 and in reserves ordinarily open to grazing in North Coimbatore, Kollegal, and South Coimbatore and Palghat forest divisions.

3. *Cattle disease—*

(1) *Anthrax* is reported from the taluk of Bellary and the taluk of Karkal of South Kanara.

(2) *Black-quarter* is reported from the taluks of Tanuku and Nandigama of Kistna, the taluk of Narasaraopet of Guntur, the taluk of Markapur of Kurnool, the taluk of Bellary, the taluk of Kanigiri and the division of Darsi of Nellore, and the taluks of Madanapalle and Vayalpad of Chittoor.

(3) *Foot and Mouth Disease* is reported from the taluks of Sattenapalli and Tenali of Guntur, the taluks of Markapur and Nandyal of Kurnool, the taluk of Kudligi of Bellary, and the taluk of Karkal of South Kanara

(4) *Epizootic Aphtha* is reported from parts of Peddapur of Godavari.

RAINFALL AND PRICES OF THE STAPLE FOOD-GRAINS FOR THE WEEK ENDING 2ND FEBRUARY 1924.

	District.		Rainfall in inches. In the week. 1924.	Average of 30 years ending with 1920.	Up to the end of the week from 1st April. 1923.	Average of 30 years ending with 1920.	Price in Seers (of 80 tolas) per Rupee. Rice. Corresponding week of the previous year.	Rice. Last week.	Rice. This week.	Ragi. Corresponding week of the previous year.	Ragi. Last week.	Ragi. This week.	Cholam. Corresponding week of the previous year.	Cholam. Last week.	Cholam. This week.	Cumbu. Corresponding week of the previous year.	Cumbu. Last week.	Cumbu. This week.	District.	
Circars.	Ganjam	..	0·1	0·1	53·4	46·6	8·8	(b)6·8	6·6	17 2	16 6	15·5	..	..	..	..	..	..	Ganjam ..	Circars.
	Vizagapatam.	A.	Nil	0·1	(a)44·4	55·1	6·3	(b)6 7	6·7	13·6	(b)13·1	13·0	13·5	(b)11·3	11·1	13·3	(b)11·0	11·1	A. L. Vizagapatam.	
		L.	Nil	Nil	43·5	37·2														
	Godavari	..	Nil	Nil	46·2	41·5	6·5	5·8	5·8	12 9	11·9	11·9	14 6	(b)10·8	11·0	15·7	(b)12·4	12·5	Godavari ..	
	Kistna	..	Nil	Nil	37·3	35·6	6·1	5·8	5·9	11·7	11·2	11 2	9 7	10·3	10·3	11·2	11·8	11·8	Kistna ..	
	Guntur	..	Nil	Nil	26·0	32·2	6·0	5·4	5·4	10·8	11·0	11·0	10·3	9·4	9·4	9·5	8·6	8·6	Guntur ..	
Deccan.	Kurnool	..	Nil	0·1	17·9	24·8	5·8	5·2	5·2	11·6	10·3	10·3	11·4	8·5	8·6	8·8	7·5	7·8	Kurnool ..	Deccan.
	Bellary	..	Nil	0·1	15·0	23·3	5·5	4·9	4·9	10 5	9·4	9·4	9·0	8·1	8·1	..	..	..	Bellary ..	
	Anantapur	..	Nil	0·1	10·9	22·0	5·6	5·0	5·1	10·4	8 7	8·7	9 5	8·2	8·3	10·4	8 6	8·3	Anantapur ..	
	Cuddapah	..	Nil	0·1	16·3	27·2	5·4	4·9	4·9	9 9	9·0	9·1	10·8	8·6	8·7	9·4	8·8	8·8	Cuddapah ..	
Carnatic.	Nellore	..	Nil	0·1	28·7	34·7	5·9	6·3	6·3	9·8	10·1	10·1	9·4	9·2	9·2	9·0	8·8	8·8	Nellore ..	Carnatic.
	Chingleput	..	Nil	Nil	33·1	43·5	6·5	6·4	6·4	8·7	8·9	8·9	..	..	..	..	..	..	Chingleput ..	
	Madras	..	Nil	0 1	35·0	48·4	5·2	5·3	5·3	7·4	8·4	8·6	..	..	..	..	..	..	Madras ..	
	South Arcot	..	Nil	0·1	35·8	45·5	5·7	6·1	6·1	8 6	8·5	8·3	..	..	..	8 0	7·8	7·6	South Arcot ..	
Central.	Chittoor	..	Nil	0·1	20·6	32·0	5·6	5·9	5·8	9·4	(b)9·3	9·3	..	..	..	10·5	9·6	9·6	Chittoor ..	Central.
	North Arcot	..	Nil	Nil	21·4	40·1	5 8	5 6	5·5	8·3	8·0	7·9	..	..	..	8·6	7·3	7·3	North Arcot ..	
	Salem	..	Nil	0·1	17·6	34·2	5·2	5·0	5·1	9·3	8·1	8·1	9·1	7·5	7·7	7·7	6·7	6·8	Salem ..	
	Coimbatore	..	Nil	0·1	12·8	23·2	5·3	5·4	5·4	9·3	8·0	8·0	8·2	7·1	7·1	9·0	7·7	7·6	Coimbatore ..	
	Trichinopoly	..	Nil	0·1	22·2	32·5	5·1	5·2	5·3	8·6	8·5	8·5	9 1	7·8	7·8	8·3	(b)7·0	7 0	Trichinopoly ..	
South.	Tanjore	..	Nil	0·1	39·0	43·2	5·4	6·3	6·3	7·7	8·0	8·0	..	..	..	6·9	7·5	7·5	Tanjore ..	South.
	Madura	..	Nil	0·1	20·1	30·3	4·8	(b)5·2	5·2	8·7	8·5	8·4	9·1	(b)8 6	8·5	7·2	(b)7·3	7·3	Madura ..	
	Ramnad	..	Nil	0·1	28·2	30·0	4·5	4·9	4·9	8·2	9·0	9 0	8·1	8·6	8·6	6·9	7·2	7·2	Ramnad ..	
	Tinnevelly	..	Nil	0·3	31·3	26·1	5·6	5·8	5·8	9 3	9·9	9·9	8·0	9·1	9·3	7·9	7·5	7·5	Tinnevelly ..	
West Coast.	Malabar	..	0·1	0·1	141·1	117·1	6·3	5·9	5·9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Malabar ..	West Coast.
	South Kanara	..	Nil	Nil	161·6	142·2	6·1	6·0	6·3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	South Kanara ..	
	Travancore	..	Nil	* 0·1	86·0	* 66·5	4·4	4·3	4·0	5·0	6·2	6·2	..	..	..	..	..	..	Travancore ..	
	Cochin	..	0·3	* 0·4	123·3	* 107·8	5·1	5·0	5·0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Cochin ..	
	Hills, The Nilgiris	..	Nil	0·3	73·8	72·7	5·3	4·7	4·7	7·2	7·0	6·8	..	..	..	..	..	..	Hills, The Nilgiris.	

A = Agency. L = Littoral. * Average of 10 years. (a) Includes average rainfall of the Agency Division. (b) Revised figure.

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